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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Staff, U. S. Army  
Chief of Naval Operations  
Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Force

Subject: Review of Unconventional Warfare Requirements

1. The Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Special Operations) has requested a review of requirements placed on the CIA by the Department of Defense in connection with preparations for the conduct of Unconventional Warfare (UW). This memorandum is concerned only with requirements for covert operations by the CIA in support of planning directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

2. A review of military requirements for Covert Operations to be undertaken by CIA is desirable:

a. To insure that requirements expressed by commanders are current, realistic, and essential to the conduct of Unconventional Warfare in support of plans prepared pursuant to directives of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

b. To insure that the Joint Chiefs of Staff are fully and currently informed respecting these requirements so that they may be addressed in the aggregate, and submitted to CIA for appropriate action.

3. You are therefore requested to obtain a summary of requirements for covert operations in preparation for UW as expressed by commanders of unified and specified commands for which your Department is executive agency, and submit this summary to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The following are suggested guidelines for the preparation of this summary:

a. List requirements in order of priority for fulfillment, with a suitable notation as to the commander's plan supported.

b. List required assets by areas. These requirements can, if desired, be broken down further into target complexes or individual targets.

c. Include a description of the functions and capabilities of the required assets.

JCS review(s) completed.

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d. In developing covert requirements consideration should be given to other programmed operations to avoid inadvertent destruction of UW assets and inadvertent duplication of targets. Appropriate notation will be made to indicate targets selected for attack by both conventional and unconventional warfare forces.

4. The summary is to reflect requirements as of 1 July 1955 and will be modified as required during the year. The summary will be reviewed and confirmed on 1 July each year.

5. Requirements of commanders of unified and specified commands for covert operations in a geographic area assigned to another commander for coordination and planning purposes are to be included in the summary of that commander.

/s/ Richard H. Phillips  
RICHARD H. PHILLIPS  
Captain, USN  
Secretary

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